IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

ATRION Wolfgang Held

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AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 29, 2003

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth below be entered and request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of these amendments and the remarks below.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due October 29, 2003, this Response is therefore considered to be timely filed.